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Commission considers opinion on ranked-choice voting Jan. 20 ***S.F. Ethics Commission seeks advice on mailings ranking candidates***

The Fair Political Practices Commission will consider issuing an opinion addressing San Francisco's new ranked-choice voting system at its monthly meeting Thursday (Jan. 20) in Sacramento. Ranked-choice voting allows the city to elect a candidate by a majority vote without the need for a separate run-off election.

The meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. in the FPPC's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento.

The San Francisco Ethics Commission has requested advice from the FPPC regarding application of Government Code Section 85501, which prohibits the controlled committee of a local candidate from making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates. That section has been incorporated into San Francisco's election law. The FPPC will consider issuing an opinion clarifying whether 85501 allows candidates in a ranked-choice voting system to make expenditures urging their supporters to vote for other candidates as their second or third choice (**Agenda item #20**).

In other business at Thursday's meeting, the commission will consider adoption of amendments to the gift regulations. The proposed regulatory amendments affect the methods used for determining the value of a gift received in attending certain events, and would define "face value," "ticket/pass," "invitation," and "specific item" (**#22**).

The commission will also discuss eliminating paper copies of quarterly lobbying disclosure reports (**#21**). In addition, a number of other agenda items, including proposed enforcement actions, will be considered.

The agenda is posted on the FPPC website at: www.fppc.ca.gov. Click on "Agendas" on the left side of the home page, and go to "Current Agenda." For more information on a particular agenda item, including enforcement stipulations, orders and exhibits and legal memoranda and supporting documents, go to "Agendas" on the web site, then to "Current Agenda," then click on the links in the agenda items. Letters responding to items on the agenda after it was posted on the website 10 days prior to the meeting can be found at the top of the agenda on the website.

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